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MEMORANDUM TO: Mr. Amory, Assistant Director for Research and Reports

FROM : [redacted] 25X1A9a
[redacted] 25X1A
SUBJECT : Impressions of [redacted]
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Arriving in [redacted] on May 1, I was met at the airport by [redacted] 25X1A9a who overcame several administrative obstacles and guided me to quarters in the [redacted] On Friday I was met by Dick and [redacted] Administrative 25X1A9a Officer for [redacted] and although my "orders" were vague, it was decided that [redacted] would be the most logical place for me to begin operations. On that basis I was put through the administrative procedures, and late that afternoon went with [redacted] to [redacted] 25X1A6a

On Monday [redacted] called and reported that he had chicken pox; (he has, it is said, applied for permanent quarters in the children's disease ward of the local hospital). That left me completely on my own so I thought I had better begin to get acquainted with various offices, starting with [redacted] 25X1A6a I talked with [redacted] and got the idea that [redacted] was having difficulty in 25X1A6a keeping its staff working because there were no defectors coming in. I had in mind the possibility of being placed in [redacted] and [redacted] gave me 25X1A the impression that that might be a logical move. 25X1A9a

I made an appointment with [redacted] for Wednesday. However, I never got to him because [redacted] 25X1A9a [redacted] assistant, descended on me and decided that [redacted] was 25X1A the place for me, and that now was the time. So with a few quick administrative changes I was attached to the [redacted] 25X1A 25X1A9a

I explained my position as representative of ORR to [redacted] and was assured by both that I had full authority to conduct ORR business, and that ORR's interests would not be jeopardized by limiting my movements. In fact, they volunteered that being in [redacted] would enable me to keep 25X1A in better touch with current intelligence and so be of more value to ORR. 25X1A9a

Most of the morning was spent with [redacted] going over the work and organization of the Division, my communications with ORR, and future recruiting from ORR. I came away with the following impressions:

1. [redacted] 25X1A
2. It is a small division, prior to my acquisition it had about seven analysts including [redacted] with one analyst working on economic matters but whose area included only East Germany.

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3. Realizing that communications to ORR were of great importance, I was assured that cable, telecom, and perhaps even telephone would be available. 25X1A

25X1A9a 4. There apparently is a very close link between [redacted]

25X1A9a 5. This division is instrumental in providing all offices in Washington, and [redacted] with up to the minute reports on political and some economic intelligence matters - but only for the indicated areas.

6. Although some items come in on the USSR, probably none will come for the other satellites, such as Hungary, Rumania and Bulgaria.

7. Complete changeover of personnel will take place by January, staffed by [redacted] 25X1A8a

The above have not had a chance to jell as yet and probably will not until I have been here at least a week. In the meantime, I feel that ORR is in a much better position with a representative right in the [redacted] Building, able to keep in close touch with all the people bringing in material useful in economic intelligence work. 25X1A6d

25X1A9a [redacted] is intent on getting three ORR men here in re his conversation with you, and most probably would like to have them soon. On the surface this looks like a good opportunity to get some ORR men over here. I would like in the near future to get more clearly [redacted] thoughts on how these ORR men would fit into this organization, and what their ties would be to ORR. The area of common interest is very restricted, - almost entirely at present to East Germany. And although there seems to be a very heavy workload they will have their economic analyst here until December.

25X1A9a 25X1A I feel that it would be wise to discuss this matter at length with you around the ninth of June [redacted] In the meantime, one month should give me a fairly good idea of how this operation would best fit the interests of ORR.

I have talked this matter over with [redacted] but have come up with no definite thoughts on the subject. 25X1A9a

My official address is: [redacted] 25X1A9a

If there are any questions, cable or telecom are available in addition to regular pouch. 25X1A9a

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